

**FERTILITY BEHAVIOUR OF RAJBANSHI COMMUNITY
(A STUDY OF LAKHANPUR VDC WARD NO. 1 IN JHAPA DISTRICT)**

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ABSTRACT

The study on the "Fertility Behaviour of Rajbanshi Women" is carried out by collecting primary data from the census-type survey for some selected Rajbanshi village in Lakhanpur VDC Ward No. 1 of Jhapa district. The respondents are currently married women of age group 15-49 years. The total Rajbanshi household of the study area are 97. Among these households the eligible women are found only 105 in number. The main objectives of this study are to identify the demographics and socio-economic characteristics of Rajbanshi community, to analyze the effect of family planning, knowledge and behaviour of fertility among the Rajbanshi community and to examine the relationship between CEB and demographic and socio-economic characteristics.

The collection of the data procedure is based on personal interviews and the frequency tables cross tables and mean table as well as statistical tools are also preformed to examine the interrelationship between selected independent and dependent variables.

The main number of Children Ever Born (CEB) was found to be 3.25 children per women among Rajbanshi women of study area. The mean CEB was found increasing with the increase the age of mother. The highest mean CEB was found to be 4.93 per women for the age group 45-49 and lowest mean CEB was found to be 0.80 for age group 15-19. The mean CEB is inversely related with the age at marriage, education income and in the case of child-loss experience family size found positively related.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CBR	:	Crude Birth Rate
CBS	:	Central Bureau of Statistics
CDPS	:	Central Department of Population Studies
CEB	:	Children Ever Born
EW	:	Eligible Women
FPAN	:	Family Planning Association of Nepal
H.H.	:	Household Head
I.E.C.	:	Information, Education and Communication
MOH	:	Ministry of Health
MOPE	:	Ministry of Population and Environment
PRB	:	Population Reference Bureau
S.N.	:	Serial Number
T.U.	:	Tribhuvan University
TFR	:	Total Fertility Rate
U.K.	:	United Kingdom
U.N.	:	United Nation
V.D.C.	:	Village Development Committee